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## VIA ECF

The Honorable Claire C. Cecchi, U.S.D.J. Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse 50 Walnut Street Newark, New Jersey 07101

> D'Antonio v. Borough of Allendale, et al. Re: Civil Action No.: 2:16-cv-816 (CCC)(JBC)

Dear Judge Cecchi:

This office represents the Defendant, Bergen County Sheriff's Department ("BCSD"), in the above-captioned matter.

On January 16, 2018, counsel for Plaintiff submitted a letter to Your Honor "in response to" the BCSD's reply brief in support its motion to dismiss. (Dkt #196) Counsel's letter is a surreply. I write to object to same.

Local Rule 7.1(d)(6) provides that "[n]o sur-replies are permitted without permission of the Judge or Magistrate Judge to whom the case is assigned." "A court may strike a party's surreply if filed without permission from the court." <u>In re Ford Motor Co. E-350 Van Prods. Liab.</u> Litig., Civil Action No. 03-4558 (GEB), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 68241, at \*85 (D.N.J. July 9, 2010).

Inasmuch as permission to file the sur-reply was not sought in advance, counsel's letter is improper and should be stricken. If the Court requires a formal motion to strike, please advise so an application can be filed.

> Respectfully submitted, s/Leonard E. Seaman LEONARD SEAMAN

Cc: All counsel (via ECF) Client (via e-mail)